



Tempe Art in Private Development



**Papago Buttes
Corporate Plaza**
1250 W. Washington Street

Barbara Grygutis
Untitled, 2008

Native stone, water

Artist website:
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Photo: Robert Moore

Description: Barbara Grygutis creates environmental sculptures of human proportions and reference using architectural elements, familiar objects and elements from nature. These works of art are thematically based and are designed to engender visual statements relating to the communities or the sites for which they are created. They combine realistic images and symbols with architectural forms to span a broad range of subject matter and materials. Among the sculptural elements the viewer can experience the interplay between art and nature. All of the artist's public works of art are envisioned to share the following qualities: to create a place of reflection, a sense of timelessness, and a sense of place.

Artist biography: Barbara Grygutis was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and raised in Israel. She received BFA and MFA degrees from the University of Arizona. Grygutis is a resident of Tucson and has more than 20 years of experience working in collaborative situations to create environmental works that give meaning and identity to public spaces. She has created works of art for public spaces since 1971, and has completed more than 50 commissions of public art throughout the country including large-scale works in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, California, Colorado and New Jersey. Grygutis' approach to the creation of a work of art is to embody a universal theme accessible to all age groups and to create a sense of timelessness and beauty in the built environment.

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